



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

(SUMMARY)

PART 1 OF 1

BUFILE:161-6197

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

MEMORANDUM

DATE March 21, 1969

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI
FROM : John D. Ehrlichman
SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A. DRKH

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Present Address Governor of New York

Egil Krogh has requested:

- Copy of Previous Report
 Name Check
 X Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- White House staff position
 X Presidential appointment
 Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- SF 86 (in duplicate)
 SF 87, Fingerprint Card
 Biography

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REMARKS:

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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Nelson A. Rockefeller

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESI-
DENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED. BORN
JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND
RESIDES IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN WHO'S WHO.

ALL OFFICES EXCEPT LITTLE ROCK, ST. LOUIS, AND LAS VEGAS

SEE YOUR FILE INDICATING SPI INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR
ROCKEFELLER IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. BRING UP TO DATE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SPI STANDARDS.

NOTE: Request received from White House today.
Separate memo sent through re request.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS OF
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE SHOULD BE VERIFIED
FROM COURT RECORDS, HOWEVER, NO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE
WITH HIS FORMER WIFE MARY V. CLARK ROCKEFELLER.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE
BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 4-4-69

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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At the request of the White House, received 3-24-69, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, since 1958. An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted in 1952 concerning Governor Rockefeller which was favorable. Current investigation is highly favorable and complete with the exception of a check of passport files and a check of the security file at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1962 he was divorced by Mary Clark Rockefeller, his wife of 32 years, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty. He married Margaretta Fitler Murphy in 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from 1953 to 1954, and Special Assistant to the President from 1954 to 1955. He has served on other Presidential committees since that time and in March, 1969, he was appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

Governor Rockefeller has been mentioned in the press as the possible head of a special mission President Nixon is interested in sending to Latin America for a reevaluation of the Alliance for Progress.

[REDACTED] who requested anonymity, would not recommend Governor Rockefeller for the position of roving ambassador to South America because of Governor Rockefeller's family connection with the Standard Oil Company and Peru's current feud with the Standard Oil Company.

Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the FBI for many years.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the summary of current inquiries conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller.

Enclosure *RECEIVED 4-8-69*
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mrs. Brown
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Egan

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at WH by [redacted]
10-12-73

April 7, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - [redacted]

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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with your request received on March 24, 1969, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were set forth in summary memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953, which have been furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953.

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Information has been received from two governmental agencies*indicating that a check of their records concerning Governor Rockefeller has not been completed. When the results of this additional investigation are received, you will be advised.

The investigation of Governor Rockefeller covered inquiries in the continental United States as to his character, loyalty, ability, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

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Sincerely yours

*Passport Office, State Department; Security Office, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Enclosure

NOTE: See memorandum Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69, [redacted]

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Return to Mr. [redacted] Room 7638.

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April 7, 1969

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

SUMMARY

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were summarized in memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953. This summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953. Governor Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Employment

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June, 1953, to
December, 1954

Under Secretary, Department of Health,
Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

December, 1954, to
December, 1955

Special Assistant to the President

1953 to 1958

Chairman, President's Advisory
Committee on Government Organization,
Washington, D. C.

September, 1956

Representative of the President with
the rank of Special Ambassador for
the Inauguration of the President-
elect of Panama

1958 to
the present

Governor of the State of New York

September, 1960

Personal representative of the
President with the rank of Special
Ambassador to attend ceremonies in
celebration of the independence of
Nigeria

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1965 to 1969

Advisory Commission on Intergovern-
mental Relations, Washington, D. C.

March, 1969

Appointed to the President's Foreign
Intelligence Advisory Board,
Washington, D. C.

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See memo Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69,

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Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

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Governor Rockefeller has been a member of other governmental committees and has held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated. He has served in various capacities in behalf of philanthropical organizations such as the American International Association for Economic and Social Development, the International Basic Economy Corporation, and the Museum of Primitive Art.

[REDACTED] advised that Governor Rockefeller has disassociated himself from all private and business relationships to devote his time and energy to discharging his responsibilities as Governor of the State of New York.

Marital Status

Governor Rockefeller married the former Mary Todhunter Clark on June 23, 1930, at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Records of the Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, reveal that Mary C. Rockefeller filed a divorce action against Governor Rockefeller on March 16, 1962. A property and future support agreement dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate and was not submitted to the court. An absolute divorce was granted to Mary C. Rockefeller March 16, 1962, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty.

In May, 1963, Governor Rockefeller married the former Margaretta Fidler Murphy and resides with her and two minor children, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Jr., and Mark F. Rockefeller, at the Rockefeller family estate, Pocantico Hills, New York. Governor Rockefeller also maintains a residence at 810 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Interviews

[REDACTED]
advised that he has had a close personal relationship with Governor Rockefeller for approximately [REDACTED]. He said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, is the welfare and future of this country. He said that Governor Rockefeller is one of the most capable individuals in the United States today. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller for more than [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he firmly believes that Governor Rockefeller is a dedicated, earnest, and sincere public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

[REDACTED] advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller since [REDACTED]. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a very reputable individual who is a dedicated public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

[REDACTED] who has known Governor Rockefeller for more than [REDACTED] described him as a personable, diplomatic man of great ability. He recommended Governor Rockefeller as to character, loyalty, morals, reputation, and associates. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and confidence.

[REDACTED] advised that he has known Governor Rockefeller for [REDACTED] and considers him to be an excellent administrator, a man of deep religious beliefs, and one whom he admires more every passing year. [REDACTED] stated that he highly recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

[REDACTED] advised that he has the highest respect for Governor Rockefeller's character, loyalty, reputation, associates, ability, and sincere concern for promoting the best interests and welfare of the United States and its citizens. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be eminently qualified for any position of trust and confidence within the Federal Government and believes that Governor Rockefeller will continue to distinguish himself in any position to which he is appointed.

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b7C [redacted], United States Senator [redacted] advised through his Administrative Assistant, [redacted] in Washington, D. C., that he recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and confidence without reservation.

b7D [redacted] United States Senator [redacted] advised through his Administrative Assistant, [redacted] Washington, D. C., that he has known Governor Rockefeller for many years as a close personal friend and highly recommends him for any position of trust and confidence.

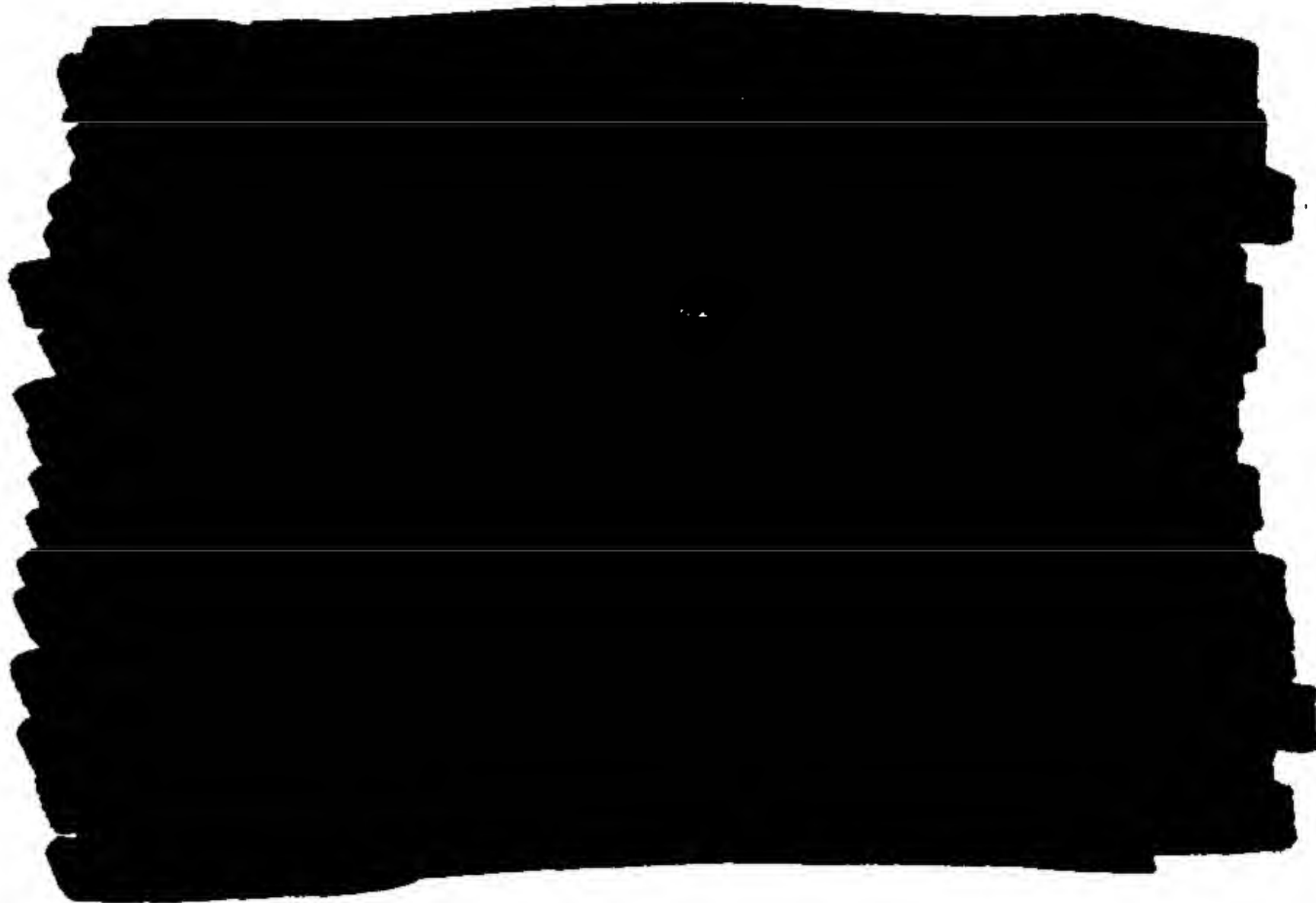
b7D [redacted] who requested anonymity, advised that he has only casual contact with Governor Rockefeller and sees him occasionally at functions sponsored by organizations interested in South America. He said that he would not recommend Governor Rockefeller for a position as a roving ambassador because, although he has the reputation of being an expert on South American affairs, he feels that Governor Rockefeller does not really know what is going on in South America. He believes this is a particularly inappropriate time to be sending Governor Rockefeller to South America because the President of Peru, Juan Velasco Alvarado, is currently feuding with the Standard Oil Company and has been building up the indebtedness of that Company to Peru. This source said that he did not think this is the time for Governor Rockefeller to be traveling around South America because his name epitomizes Standard Oil Company in those countries, as well as in the United States.

Thirty-two additional persons, including officials of the State of New York, co-workers, religious leaders, businessmen, members of both political parties, associates, and acquaintances, were interviewed, including those listed hereinafter. They advised that Governor Rockefeller is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. Governor Rockefeller was described by them as an outstanding administrator, highly intelligent, hardworking, conscientious, deeply dedicated, and extremely capable. Those acquainted with other members of his family advised they are highly reputable persons of excellent character and unquestionable loyalty. Governor Rockefeller was further described as a man of integrity, a man of great vision, and a dedicated public servant. It was stated that Governor Rockefeller is extremely capable in many fields and is acknowledged to be an expert on Latin American affairs. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and has numerous

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contacts of a professional, social, and political nature in South America. He was said to be generous, charitable and extremely concerned about world problems, an astute businessman, and an adaptable and persuasive statesman. He was recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.



Close Relatives

Governor Rockefeller's parents, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller, are deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife and minor children mentioned previously:

Daughter	Ann Rockefeller, who is divorced from Robert L. Pierson New York, New York
Daughter	Mary Rockefeller Strawbridge White Plains, New York
Son	Rodman Rockefeller New York, New York
Son	Steven Rockefeller New York, New York

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Brother	Winthrop Rockefeller, Governor of the State of Arkansas Little Rock, Arkansas
Brother	David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board, Chase Manhattan Bank New York, New York
Brother	John D. Rockefeller III New York, New York
Brother	Laurance S. Rockefeller New York, New York
Sister	Abby Rockefeller Mauze New York, New York

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, Central Intelligence Agency; Defense Central Index of Investigations and United States Army Investigative Records Repository, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Internal Security; Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command; United States Secret Service; and the White House Office.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller.

1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - [REDACTED]

April 10, 1969

BY LIAISON

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 12-17-91 BY [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letter dated April 7, 1969, you were
furnished a summary memorandum containing the results
of investigation conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich
Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

It has been determined that the files of
the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health,
Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., reveal
that Governor Rockefeller was granted a top secret
clearance on August 7, 1953, which was canceled upon
his resignation.

The records of the Passport Office, Department
of State, indicate that Governor Rockefeller has been
issued six passports since November 12, 1954, for travel
to various countries in Europe, Africa, and South America
for pleasure and official business. These files contain
no derogatory information concerning him.

This concludes the investigation of
Governor Rockefeller.

Sincerely yours, /61-6197-211

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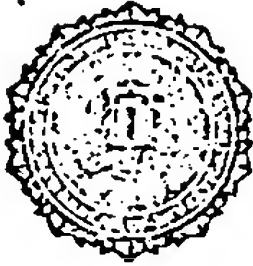
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RETURN TO MR. [REDACTED] ROOM 7638.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

December 30, 1952

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

The following biographical data was obtained from the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America";

Birth Date. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908 at Bar Harbor, Maine, the son of John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller.

Education. He attended preparatory school at the Lincoln School of Teachers College, New York, New York from 1917 until 1926 when he graduated. Records at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire show that he was graduated cum laude with an A. B. Degree from that institution on June 17, 1930. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was selected as a Senior Fellow during his Senior year based upon excellence of character, dependability, and capacity for working on his own initiative.

The 1951 "Current Biography" shows that he was awarded an honorary Master of Arts Degree by Dartmouth College in 1942 and an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Fordham University in 1941 and by the Jewish Theology Seminary in 1950.

Marriage. He was married on June 23, 1930 to Mary Todhunter Clark and they have five children, namely, Rodman, Ann, Steven, and twins Michael and Mary.

Employment. His employment record as contained in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America" and which has been verified through investigation is as follows:

Since 1931 - Director, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.

1938 to 1945 and 1948 to 1951 - President, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.

Since 1945 - Chairman, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.

1940 to 1945 - Coordinator, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1945 to April 10, 1946 - Consultant, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1944 to August 25, 1945 - Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of American Republic Affairs, Washington, D. C.

1937 to 1939 - Treasurer, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York.

1939 to 1941 and 1946 to date - President, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York.

1945 - Chairman, New York City Commission Victory Clothing Collection.

1946 - Chairman, Non-Sectarian Community Committee of New York on behalf of United Jewish Appeal.

1950 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board (Point Four Program).

November 24, 1950 to November 5, 1951 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

President, International Association for Economic and Social Development.

President, International Basic Economy Corporation.

Trustee, Committee for Economic Development.

Trustee, Dartmouth College.

Trustee, Museum of Modern Art.

Since 1939 - Vice President, Westchester County Board of Health, Westchester County, New York.

Club Memberships. He lists membership in the following clubs:

Century, University, Dartmouth College, Knickerbocker, River, Coffee House (New York), Cosmos, and Metropolitan (Washington, D. C.).

He is a member of the Psi Upsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

The 1951 "Current Biography" lists Nelson Rockefeller as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, American Academy of Political and Social Science and Director of National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1945, he was awarded the Order of Merit of Chile by President Rios and the National Order Southern Cross by Brazil in 1946.

According to the 1951 "Current Biography" he received the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle in February, 1949.

II. RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

Interviews. The following individuals stated in substance that the Appointee is loyal, of good character, and reputation, and well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government:

[REDACTED]

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In 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation concerning the loyalty, character, and associates of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller in connection with his appointment as Chairman of the International Development Program. The following individuals contacted during that inquiry furnished favorable information regarding the Appointee, however they were not available for recontact at this time:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Miscellaneous Information and Comments. Confidential Informant [REDACTED], a former highly placed Federal government official, advised that he has known Mr. Rockefeller principally as a business associate since [REDACTED] and regards him as a loyal American citizen. He explained that while Rockefeller was Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, that agency was filled with Communists and Rockefeller was unable to detect them. He regarded the Appointee as a ruthless and ambitious person who has no hesitancy to ruin the career of anyone who thwarts his ambitions. He recalled that shortly after the presidential election in 1944 Rockefeller attempted to have [REDACTED], removed from the State Department because he did not feel that [REDACTED] had shown proper deference to the Rockefeller name. [REDACTED] was unable to recall the specific details, but knew that some State Department officials interceded in behalf of [REDACTED] and he was not removed.

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This informant related that Rockefeller has no organizational ability, is a difficult man to work for, and is a demanding egocentric. As far as he knew, Rockefeller associated with

reputable citizens, however he would not recommend him for a government position.

b7D [redacted] a former highly placed official in the Communist Party, advised that he recalled a discussion with other Communist Party functionaries during the 1940's regarding the inability of the Party to infiltrate the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He said he never heard of Nelson Rockefeller associating with the Communist Party or any of its activities in any way whatsoever.

[redacted] He described the Appointee as a man of outstanding character, loyalty, and reputation, and regards him as being well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government.

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b7D [redacted] recalled that in November, 1944, he and Rockefeller made an official visit to Ciudad, Trujillo, Dominican Republic,

[redacted] openly and publicly snubbed Mr. Rockefeller, which action led officials of the Dominican Republic to also snub Mr. Rockefeller and thereby cause him considerable embarrassment and difficulty. According to [redacted] this behavior on the part of [redacted] was entirely unnecessary and unbecoming [redacted]

He explained that it was entirely possible that some Communists could have been employed in the Office of Inter-American Affairs during Rockefeller's tenure as Coordinator, however Rockefeller did not have any personal control over hiring any employees except those closely associated with him. He said further that Rockefeller would never knowingly hire or condone the hiring of anyone who was a Communist, or was affiliated with or interested in Communism.

Government Agency Checks. The records of the following Federal government agencies contained no unfavorable information concerning the Appointee:

United States Civil Service Commission.
Passport Files, United States Department of State.
Central Intelligence Agency.

Security Division, United States Department of State.
Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air
Force.

Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy.

G-2, Department of the Army.

Central Files, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Relatives. Individuals interviewed during the course of the inquiry concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller who were acquainted with his immediate family and close relatives regarded them as individuals of good character, loyalty, and associates.

Credit and Criminal. The files of the law enforcement agencies listed below were checked and no reference to the Appointee was found:

Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.
Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police
Department, Washington, D. C.
Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York
City Police Department, New York, N. Y.
New York City Police Department.
Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, New York.
New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire.
Police Department, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Maine State Police, North East Harbor, Maine.
Clerk of Court, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine.

No unfavorable reference to Mr. Rockefeller was found in the files of the following credit agencies:

Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C.
Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York.
Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, N. Y.
Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, New Hampshire.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8/19/74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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A request was received on 8/16/74, from The White House for a discreet inquiry and a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller, former Governor of New York, who is among those being considered for appointment as Vice President.

Applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969 were favorable, except for the comments of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who declined to recommend him during the 1952 and 1969 investigations. He described Rockefeller as a ruthless and ambitious person, and said, in his opinion, he had no organizational ability. He also said Rockefeller was a difficult man to work for and was a demanding egocentric. According to [REDACTED] although Rockefeller had the reputation of being an expert on South American matters, he did not really know what was going on in South America. [REDACTED] requested anonymity in connection with his comments concerning Rockefeller. (128-364, 77-54829, 161-6197)

Information was recently received from the Watergate Special Prosecution Force and the Office of Counsel to the President concerning allegations that documents belonging to E. Howard Hunt alleged that Rockefeller

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contributed funds to the McGovern campaign and hired thugs to disrupt the Democratic Convention if McGovern was not nominated. According to these allegations, such documents were secreted by [REDACTED] in a safe deposit box in [REDACTED] under the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bureau investigation established that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] Two safe deposit boxes which are rented to members of [REDACTED] family were located. [REDACTED] and the safe deposit box holders have denied knowledge of any such papers involving Rockefeller, and a consent search of the boxes disclosed only personal papers.

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During the current inquiries, 21 established sources of the Albany and New York Offices were contacted and they furnished favorable comments concerning Rockefeller. They are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government. One established source, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], New York City, now retired, referred to rumors he has heard concerning Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but said he feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State, although he, [REDACTED] personally prefers Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senator from Arizona.

Comments of FBI Personnel, Albany and New York Offices

Assistant Director John F. Malone of the New York Office advised he has been in contact with Rockefeller on numerous occasions. He considers Rockefeller to be forthright and honest, and a man who always takes a direct approach to matters. Mr. Malone described Rockefeller as an excellent administrator and said Rockefeller holds the Bureau in very high regard.

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SAC John W. Burns of the Albany Office is not personally acquainted with Rockefeller, but has met him. He stated he is aware of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Rockefeller who, to his knowledge, is held in high regard by everyone.

Rockefeller is not personally known to other personnel of the Albany and New York Offices.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter furnishing The White House a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller as well as the results of the current inquiries concerning him.

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August 19, 1974

BY LIAISON

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Haig:

In accordance with a request received on August 16, 1974, limited inquiries have been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York. The information set forth hereinafter contains the results of those limited inquiries as well as a summary of the results of applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969.

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1930, receiving an A. B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy, were married in May, 1963.

For many years Governor Rockefeller held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, New York, New York, including that of President. He served as Coordinator of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., from 1940 to 1945, and was later an Assistant Secretary of State and Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Governor Rockefeller was a Special Assistant to the President during 1954 and 1955. He was Governor of New York from January, 1959, to December, 1973, when he resigned to devote his time to the Commission on Critical Choices for America, an organization of which he was one of the founders. Governor Rockefeller is presently Chairman of the National Study Commission on Federal Water Pollution.

NOTE: See cover memorandum Coleman to Cleveland dated 6/19/74.
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969. During those investigations more than 100 persons, including Governor Rockefeller's professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and described him as an outstanding administrator and astute businessman who is intelligent, conscientious, hardworking, and capable. He was further described as a man of unquestioned integrity and great vision, and a dedicated public servant. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and he was described as an expert on Latin American affairs.

b7D During the 1952 investigation of Governor Rockefeller, one individual, [REDACTED], requested anonymity, advised he had known Governor Rockefeller, principally as a business associate, since [REDACTED]. He described Governor Rockefeller as a ruthless and ambitious person and said, when his ambitions were thwarted by anyone, he had no hesitancy in attempting to ruin that individual's career. He added that, in his opinion, Governor Rockefeller had no organizational ability, was a difficult man to work for, and was a demanding egocentric. During the 1969 investigation, the same individual advised that, although Governor Rockefeller had the reputation of being an expert on South American matters, he felt Governor Rockefeller did not really know what was going on in South America. This individual declined to recommend Governor Rockefeller for a position of responsibility with the Government.

All other persons interviewed during the investigations of Governor Rockefeller recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

b7C The Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and Office of Counsel to the President furnished information to this Bureau on August 11 and 13, 1974, respectively, alleging that one [REDACTED] of Washington, D. C., possessed knowledge of information detrimental to Governor Rockefeller.

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[redacted] who was identified and located by the FBI, related to the WSPF on August 12, 1974, that [redacted] told [redacted] and that he had secreted in a safe deposit box in [redacted] under [redacted] name, certain documents which belong to E. Howard Hunt. These documents allegedly stated Governor Rockefeller contributed funds to the McGovern Campaign and had hired thugs to disrupt the Democratic Convention if McGovern was not nominated.

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FBI investigation identified the [redacted] of [redacted] and located two safe deposit boxes which are rented to members of [redacted] family. [redacted] and the safe deposit box holders denied knowledge of any such papers and a consent search of the boxes disclosed nothing beyond personal papers.

The WSPF is in possession of all details of the aforementioned matter and is currently deciding what, if any, further grand jury or investigative action is warranted.

During the current limited inquiries, twenty-one established sources of the New York City and Albany, New York, offices of the FBI were contacted. They furnished favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and advised they are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government.

One established source, who advised he is not personally well acquainted with Governor Rockefeller, said he has heard rumors concerning Governor Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Governor Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State. This individual advised the only reservation he has concerning Governor Rockefeller is his own personal preference for a person like Barry Goldwater, United States Senator from Arizona, who "made it in politics on his own and was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth."

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller.

The limited inquiries currently conducted consisted of discreet contacts with established sources and do not constitute a full field investigation.

Sincerely yours,

**Clarence M. Kelley
Director**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

Mr. Cleveland

DATE: August 23, 1974

FROM

D. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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Mr. Rockefeller was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] during a 1 hour and 22 minute flight from Washington, D. C., to Bar Harbor, Maine, on his private jet. Mr. Rockefeller was completely cooperative and forthright. He advised he would make anything and everything the FBI desired available.

Mr. Rockefeller was informed of the scope of the investigation to be conducted by the FBI, which would involve all facets of his personal and financial life.

b7c He advised that he was aware that a thorough investigation would be conducted and that he had no reservations whatsoever. The topic of his divorce was discussed and he said that the matter had been thoroughly reviewed on several occasions in prior campaigns and he did not anticipate or know of any problem that could arise from this matter. He stated he considered the interview of his former wife as appropriate and anticipated no problem as she was a very fine woman. He requested, however, that no question be put to her concerning the financial settlement that resulted from their divorce. He stated she is very sensitive about the settlement, and the divorce included a stipulation, which he agreed to, that the financial arrangement would not be made public. He did not care, himself, but was concerned for her sake that such information would not be released. He was advised that the FBI at this point did not consider such information as pertinent to their investigation. He requested that the Agents who contact his former wife advise her that he had raised the topic of the negotiated settlement not being divulged and that he was living up to the agreement. He also requested that the Agents advise her that it would not be necessary to go into that facet of the divorce.

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Mr. Rockefeller asked if [REDACTED] would be interviewed. He was advised that presently such an interview was not planned; however, the possibility did exist that we may desire to interview him in the future. He stated he had no objection to such an interview; however, he would like to be contacted beforehand so that he could advise [REDACTED] who would advise [REDACTED] the FBI planned to interview him. He was advised that the FBI would notify him prior to any interview of [REDACTED]. He stated that he was unaware that the court records were sealed with regard to his divorce, but he would not hesitate to sign a waiver to open them and he felt sure his ex-wife would also sign such a waiver. He identified the attorneys for himself and his ex-wife and stated he would advise his attorneys to be completely candid if and when interviewed by the FBI. New York plans to contact Mr. Rockefeller's attorney.

Mr. Rockefeller was requested to mentally search his background and past for the purpose of determining if there is anything that could be a problem or possible embarrassing situation that he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI so that our investigation could set forth the facts. He was also advised that any rumors or gossip received by the Bureau during the investigation would be furnished to him for the purpose of obtaining his explanation in addition to any investigation conducted with regard to such matters. He advised that there was nothing in his past that concerned him and appreciated the opportunity to answer any rumors or gossip which may develop. He stated that he would be and is most appreciative of a thorough investigation as he knew his entire life would now be under scrutiny, and he did not desire that any unfounded allegations surprise him during the confirmation hearings.

He advised that he is in excellent physical condition and he has already authorized his doctor to furnish the FBI any information requested.

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During the interview [REDACTED] was present. Mr. Rockefeller identified him as the individual who would act as a liaison with the Bureau for any request they have from him. [REDACTED] is known to the ADIC, New York Office, as a good friend of the Bureau. Mr. Rockefeller was advised that all requests for personal contact with him would be handled through [REDACTED] b7c

When given the opportunity, Mr. Rockefeller identified five individuals he considered close personal friends that he felt should be interviewed and included in the investigative reports. Leads have been given to the New York Office to interview these people.

With regard to his finances, Mr. Rockefeller stated that he once again would make anything and everything the FBI desired available. He has very little to do with the management of his personal finances and he said activities on his part along this line were close to zero. His funds are handled by an office set up to handle the entire finances of the Rockefeller family, which include some 70 individuals. This office maintains a separate set of books for him and the individual who could answer and furnish all financial information was [REDACTED]. He stated that he felt people would be quite surprised when they find out that his finances are not as large as have been reported by the media. NY

He stated that he had one item that was of concern to him and that was he had set up several trusts for his children. These trusts are in varying amounts. The children do not know the amounts of each other's trusts and he would not like such information to be divulged. He was advised that in view of the fact he received no income from these trusts nor were they assets that would appear on his own financial worth statement, it was felt at this point there was no need for such information to be set forth. Under current plans the detailed finances of his children and brothers are not going to be reviewed, although pertinent information had been requested with regard to [REDACTED]. He was advised and stated he was well aware that one of the main purposes of the financial review would be for potential or existing conflict of interest problems, and should the investigation necessitate any review of his children's finances he would be contacted beforehand.

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He was furnished with specifics as to what financial information was desired and [REDACTED] stated this would be promptly forwarded to New York City. It was later determined that they felt this information would be available on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

U A copy of a "Liberty Lobby" advertisement listing the name [REDACTED] which listed some five items that President Ford was requested to consider prior to the appointment of Mr. Rockefeller was shown to him and he was advised that our investigation would include developing information concerning the allegations set forth. He stated he had not seen it and neither had the staff members present. He requested that a copy be furnished to him and he advised his staff would make available all information in his records for review to resolve the allegations set forth. He chuckled and said that one of the allegations alluded to the family holdings in the Standard Oil Company, which he advised he believed was less than 1 percent. b7c

He reiterated that he had very little to do with his personal finances and stated he hasn't written a check in 40 years, at which time [REDACTED] added "and you never have any cash in your pocket either." He laughed and stated "that's true." He receives a monthly statement from the family office setting forth receipts and disbursements and other financial information, the review of which is probably the full extent of his own activity concerning personal finances. He does occasionally receive telephone requests for approval of certain transactions, but in most instances completely relies on his staff to handle the finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet with accounting personnel on Mr. Rockefeller's staff Friday afternoon to set forth and go over the specific information needed by the Bureau to insure there has been no misinterpretation of the FBI request forwarded from Maine by [REDACTED]. After the meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with accounting personnel, the Bureau will be advised when the additional accounting personnel should report to New York City.

ACTION:

For information.

D. A. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Callahan
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September 3, 1974

BY LIAISON

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear General Haig:

In accordance with your request received on August 20, 1974, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice-President Designate. Transmitted herewith are the results of that investigation as well as the results of prior background investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller. The results of these investigations are also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General. Two extra copies of the results are being furnished to the Attorney General in the event it is desired that they be furnished to the appropriate Congressional Committees.

Summarizing generally, during the current investigation so far we have interviewed over 1250 people from all walks of life, including labor union officials, state and Federal legislators, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, and representatives of the business community. The vast majority of persons interviewed have furnished highly favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and feel President Gerald R. Ford made an excellent choice. However, some persons interviewed were opposed to Governor Rockefeller's nomination as Vice President.

An individual, who requested anonymity [REDACTED]

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Several Democratic Representatives in the New York Delegation either declined to recommend Governor Rockefeller or indicated reservations in recommending him based primarily on his actions while serving as Governor of New York. Alleged excessive campaign expenditures on his part and his handling of the riot which occurred at the Attica Prison, Attica, New York, in 1971, were among those matters most frequently mentioned by Governor Rockefeller's critics.

Some New York State legislators as well as prominent New York citizens (a distinct minority of those interviewed), criticized Governor Rockefeller for his stand in favor of liberalized abortion laws; the alleged excessive spending of State funds under his administration; the high taxes in the State of New York; his divorce and subsequent remarriage; his alleged misuse of executive power in getting his programs passed; his handling of the Attica Prison uprising; his advocacy of stiff sentences for drug violations; and his alleged insensitivity to the needs of welfare recipients.

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Due to the necessity for Governor Rockefeller's staff to compile extensive financial information in New York City for our accountants, which Governor Rockefeller desires to personally approve, investigation into his financial background has only just begun and will be completed as quickly as possible.

The foregoing should not be considered a complete summary of the investigation of Governor Rockefeller to date but is set forth to give you a general idea of the results of our investigation. Investigation is continuing, the results of which will be furnished to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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The Attorney General

September 3, 1974

Director, FBI

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
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Summarizing generally, during the current investigation so far we have interviewed over 1250 people from all walks of life, including labor union officials, state and Federal legislators, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, and representatives of the business community. The vast majority of persons interviewed have furnished highly favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and feel President Gerald R. Ford made an excellent choice. However, some persons interviewed were opposed to Governor Rockefeller's nomination as Vice President.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the bulk of the background investigation concerning Rockefeller has been completed and to recommend that the results be furnished to General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House, the Attorney General, and the Deputy Attorney General. The request for investigation was received from General Haig on the evening of 8-20-74 and investigation was commenced on 8-21-74.

Thus far there have been 34 field offices involved in the investigation. We also have outstanding leads being handled by the Legat in Caracas, Venezuela, where Rockefeller has extensive holdings. The completed portion of the investigation contains the results of some 1250 interviews with people from all walks of life, including labor union officials, state and Federal legislators, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, representatives of the business community, etc. In addition, the results of prior favorable background investigation conducted concerning Rockefeller are being furnished.

The vast majority of persons interviewed thus far have furnished highly favorable comments concerning Rockefeller and they feel President Ford made an excellent choice. Of course, there are numerous individuals who are opposed to Rockefeller's nomination, many for purely political reasons.

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1930, receiving an A.B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter

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Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Fidler Murphy, were married in May, 1963. For many years Rockefeller held various positions in the family business enterprises as well as top-level positions in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and was Governor of New York from January, 1959, to December, 1973.

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[redacted] U. S. Senators [redacted] both recommended Rockefeller, as did other leaders of the Senate and House. Some stated that although they have had their political differences with Rockefeller they feel he is a good choice.

Several Democratic Representatives in the New York Delegation either declined to recommend Rockefeller or indicated reservations in recommending him based primarily on his actions while serving as Governor of New York. Alleged excessive campaign expenditures on his part and his handling of the riot which occurred at the Attica Prison, Attica, New York, in 1971, were principally among matters which they cited.

Some New York State legislators as well as prominent New York citizens (a distinct minority of those interviewed), criticized Rockefeller for his stand in favor of liberalized abortion laws; his alleged excessive spending of State funds; the high taxes in New York State; his divorce and subsequent remarriage; his alleged misuse of executive power in getting his programs passed; his handling of the Attica Prison uprising; his advocacy of stiff sentences for drug violations; and his alleged insensitivity to the needs of welfare recipients.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

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In August, 1974, information was received from the Watergate Special Prosecution Force that certain documents belonging to E. Howard Hunt were secreted in a safe deposit box [REDACTED]. These documents allegedly stated Rockefeller contributed funds to the McGovern Presidential Campaign and had hired thugs to disrupt the Democratic Convention if McGovern was not nominated. Investigation did not substantiate this allegation and the Watergate Special Prosecution Force has requested no further investigation of the matter.

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Due to the necessity for the Rockefeller staff to compile extensive financial information in New York for our accountants, which Rockefeller desires to personally approve, investigation into Rockefeller's financial background has only just begun and will be completed as quickly as possible. In addition to the leads outstanding in Venezuela there are leads involving interviews with individuals who have not been available, including [REDACTED]. Rockefeller's office is presently in the process of obtaining and furnishing information concerning his real estate holdings and organizational affiliations, which will necessitate further investigation. Undoubtedly additional leads, which cannot now be anticipated, will develop from the investigation into his financial background.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to General Haig at The White House and to the Attorney General (with copy to the Deputy Attorney General) transmitting the results of our investigation thus far. Three copies of the results of the investigation are being furnished to the Attorney General for use in the review by the appropriate Congressional Committees, as was done in the Ford case.

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REFERENCES: WFO report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/28/74.

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Interview of appointee was conducted at 30 Rockefeller Center, which houses the ROCKEFELLER family offices. With ROCKEFELLER at the time of the interview were two of his attorneys, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Synopsis:

b7c ROCKEFELLER interviewed regarding the following matters: Abortion Legislation; Accusations Regarding ROCKEFELLER's Official Decisions as Governor - Doctor PETER D. BETER, Mrs. LOUISE A. BOYER, [REDACTED] PERRY DURYE, Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York, ARTHUR O. EVE, New York State Assemblyman, [REDACTED] New York State Senator, [REDACTED] Interfaith Hospital of Queens, [REDACTED] Attica Prison Uprising; Bank Loans for Political Candidates; Fiscal Policy; Personal Life; Political Favoritism - CHARLES STOCKMEISTER, [REDACTED] Political Patronage - State Judgeship Appointment; Welfare Policy. Results set forth.

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ENCLOSURE

Exhibit A - Article from the "National Tattler"
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DETAILS

The following interview of the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, was conducted by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 3, 1974.

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ABORTION LEGISLATION

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ROCKEFELLER advised New York State, at the time he became Governor, had very archaic abortion laws which limited legal abortions primarily to the situation where the life of the mother was threatened. There was a history of numerous illegal abortions particularly among the poor and very often with tragic results. ROCKEFELLER created a special commission to study reform measures concerning these archaic abortion laws. The Governor was in the process of preparing recommendations to the State Assembly which would have expanded justification for abortions but would have been a rather moderate bill. At this time in the State Senate a bill was proposed to authorize abortions in any case up to the twentieth week of the pregnancy. ROCKEFELLER believed this bill was proposed in the Senate in order to kill all legislation on abortions including his modified proposal. To the surprise of many people including himself, the Senate bill passed. ROCKEFELLER signed this bill.

Subsequently the State Legislature attempted to reverse their position on abortion by passing a very restrictive law. ROCKEFELLER vetoed this bill. He advised he felt the majority of the criticism concerning the abortion laws presently on the books in New York came from religious leaders. ROCKEFELLER pointed out since the passage of the New York bill presently in effect, the Supreme Court has ruled on abortion along the same lines as the New York law.

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ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S
OFFICIAL DECISIONS AS GOVERNOR

Doctor PETER D. BETER - Mrs. LOUISE A. BOYER

ROCKEFELLER was questioned as to his knowledge of the charges of Doctor PETER D. BETER regarding international speculators looting Fort Knox of its gold. A copy of an article appearing in "The National Tattler" which is enclosed as Exhibit A, was displayed to ROCKEFELLER which sets out in detail these charges. ROCKEFELLER advised he was not acquainted with Doctor BETER and this was the first he had ever heard of this charge. He advised to his knowledge there has never been any ROCKEFELLER involvement in any way regarding the gold in Fort Knox. ROCKEFELLER was not aware United States Representatives JOHN R. RARICK, Louisiana, and PHILIP M. CRANE, Illinois, were reportedly looking into this matter.

ROCKEFELLER was questioned as to his knowledge of the article appearing in "The National Tattler" regarding Mrs. LOUISE A. BOYER. He advised Mrs. BOYER was his Administrative Assistant in his office at Rockefeller Plaza and had worked for him and other members of the ROCKEFELLER family for approximately 40 years. He stated he had always been very closely associated with Mrs. BOYER. ROCKEFELLER hired her first husband as a real estate salesman in approximately 1933. Mrs. BOYER's first husband was killed in World War II. ROCKEFELLER set up trusts for Mrs. BOYER's two sons by this first marriage for their education. She subsequently married ALSTON BOYER who worked for LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER. Mrs. BOYER's husband, ALSTON, died of cancer some years ago. ROCKEFELLER pointed out that at the time of Mrs. BOYER's death she suffered from cancer of the face and also had heart trouble.

ROCKEFELLER advised that Mrs. BOYER died from a fall from her tenth floor Manhattan apartment window and it was ruled suicide. He advised no autopsy was performed. He feels there is a strong possibility since there was no air conditioning in the apartment she accidentally fell from the window or suffered a heart attack. He stated both his wife and himself were both shocked and saddened by her death. ROCKEFELLER strongly questioned the accusation in the publication "The National Tattler" that Mrs. BOYER was an informant who furnished information concerning the Fort Knox gold allegation.

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ROCKEFELLER was informed of the accusation that he had a conference and had his picture taken with a narcotics law violator, [REDACTED]. It was also pointed out [REDACTED] reportedly bragged about a photograph taken with the nominee. ROCKEFELLER advised the name [REDACTED] means nothing to him.

b7c [REDACTED] Attorney, informed ROCKEFELLER that [REDACTED] matters and it was believed [REDACTED] was one of the individuals in a photograph taken with several [REDACTED] union members in a [REDACTED]. ROCKEFELLER recalls having a picture taken at the request of the [REDACTED] union for such a picture and possibly [REDACTED] was one of the individuals in attendance. ROCKEFELLER denied ever meeting with [REDACTED] or having a personal picture taken in his, ROCKEFELLER's, office.

PERRY DURYEA

ROCKEFELLER advised he was very familiar with the accusations leveled at him regarding the indictment of PERRY DURYEA, in 1973. He informed DURYEA was indicted by a New York State Grand Jury for a campaign law violation. This was a misdemeanor charge. ROCKEFELLER advised the indictment was later dismissed as the statute was held unconstitutional by the New York State Courts. The alleged violation involved DURYEA's failure to identify on campaign literature the individual or organization who paid for the printing and distribution of the material. ROCKEFELLER advised he was accused of instituting this charge against DURYEA so as to eliminate DURYEA as a candidate for Governor.

ROCKEFELLER advised there is absolutely no truth to these accusations. DURYEA has always been a very close friend. They have worked extremely well together on numerous legislative matters. ROCKEFELLER advised he had been unaware of this charge against DURYEA until he was informed of the matter by [REDACTED]

b7c Upon being advised of this charge, ROCKEFELLER immediately informed the Speaker of the Assembly. Subsequently the State Attorney General turned the charge over to the District Attorney for prosecution. ROCKEFELLER was not involved in the matter in any way. He stated it was the saddest thing to happen to him in his 15 years as Governor of New York. ROCKEFELLER does not feel DURYEA has harbored any ill feelings toward him regarding this matter, but is fully aware DURYEA's wife is most critical of him and feels he, ROCKEFELLER, engineered this indictment.

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ARTHUR O. EVE - New York State Assemblyman,
Impeachment Proceedings

ROCKEFELLER was informed of a resolution introduced into the New York State Assembly in 1972 calling for his impeachment as Governor of the State of New York. This resolution was offered by ARTHUR O. EVE, New York State Assemblyman.

ROCKEFELLER advised EVE was critical of his handling of the Attica Prison uprising and also the residency requirement for welfare recipients.

ROCKEFELLER described EVE as a very "radical" Assemblyman who was responsible for paying the expenses of Black Panther BOBBY SEALE to proceed to Attica at the time of the uprising.

ROCKEFELLER advised he does not believe there was any basis for impeachment and the Legislature has taken no action on this resolution. Since he has resigned as Governor this has become a moot question.

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[REDACTED] New York State Senator

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ROCKEFELLER was informed of an accusation that he had used his influence to obtain cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some of his friends. ROCKEFELLER was dismayed at this accusation and could not understand the content of the accusation. He pointed out the Adirondack Preserve was developed as a state park. Rockefeller never had any control over it as regards the leases.

Interfaith Hospital of Queens

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ROCKEFELLER advised he was very familiar with the Interfaith Hospital [REDACTED]. He pointed out this hospital was the last total "Black" hospital in the City. During the late 1960's the hospital was in financial trouble, and through various State offices, every attempt was made to keep this hospital open. He advised [REDACTED] is a very brilliant doctor, but apparently a very poor administrator. ROCKEFELLER advised he was aware numerous deficiencies were alleged regarding the operation of the hospital during an investigation by the State Department of Health in 1972 and 1973. ROCKEFELLER did not know the final results of the investigation. He stated this matter was handled completely by the Department of Health without any personal recommendations from him concerning the continued operation of the hospital or its closing.

[REDACTED] N.Y.

ROCKEFELLER was informed that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] over the past approximately 18 years, has publicly carried on a personal crusade to protect the rights of individuals and has on occasion criticized ROCKEFELLER for such official matters as conflicts of interest regarding personal holdings in insurance companies, namely the Continental Insurance Company, rate increases for Consolidated Edison; and alleged illegal land acquisitions in the Adirondack Preserve.

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ROCKEFELLER advised [REDACTED] name is not familiar to him, nor does he ever remember meeting him. He advised to his knowledge he has no stock in the Continental Insurance Company. He denies any illegal manipulation of rate increases in the public utilities in New York State. He pointed out over the years criticism from various individuals has come to his attention as to his leadership as Governor, primarily on political grounds. ROCKEFELLER had no further comment concerning [REDACTED] accusations as he considers them unfounded.

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ATTICA PRISON UPRISING

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ROCKEFELLER advised he was fully aware of the criticism leveled at him concerning the Attica Prison uprising regarding his failure to make a personal appearance at this institution. Prior to the uprising a commission had been formed by him to study a request to double the guard force at Attica. It was at this time that the uprising took place. When he was informed the prisoners had taken hostages, he made it clear he would not deal with the prisoners as long as the prisoners held these hostages. Unknown to him, the State Corrections Commissioner began negotiations with the inmates who held approximately 40 hostages under threat of death. ROCKEFELLER was not in favor of negotiating, but in order to support his Corrections Commissioner, he proceeded, through his representatives at the prison, to pursue the negotiations. The inmates listed approximately 28 demands which were agreed to by Governor ROCKEFELLER. Subsequent to this agreement, the inmates demanded two additional items, namely, total amnesty and asylum to a nonimperialistic country. The Governor stated he could not, nor would he, grant total amnesty or asylum. He publicly stated his refusal to proceed to the prison while the hostages were held.

ROCKEFELLER was emphatic in his statement that the Chief Executive Officer of a state or nation should not succumb to an inmate demand to appear in person when hostages are involved. This would set a precedent for all future prison riots. Subsequent to the ROCKEFELLER statement of refusal to appear at Attica, the Corrections Commissioner recommended retaking the prison. Governor ROCKEFELLER instructed the state police to take the prison with no unnecessary force. Unfortunately violence broke out and a number of hostages and inmates were killed. He is confident he made the proper decision in this matter and in the event of another prison riot, if he were Governor, he would proceed along the same lines.

ROCKEFELLER also noted that this matter became highly politicized to the point numerous individuals became involved in this matter for their own personal political ambitions. It created a platform for criticism of the Governor. He advised that while he personally did not

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appear at the prison, several of his aides, including the Corrections Commissioner, were there during the entire time of the uprising. Governor ROCKEFELLER was kept completely informed of the situation at all times.

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BANK LOANS FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES

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ROCKEFELLER was informed accusations had been made to the effect he, ROCKEFELLER, signed notes for local and state political candidates at the Chase Manhattan Bank, where his brother, DAVID, is Chairman. It was alleged in case of default of any of these notes, ROCKEFELLER would pay the note and deduct the amount from his income tax.

ROCKEFELLER advised over the years he has established a firm policy that he will never loan money to individuals except through bank notes. He does not recall having ever loaned funds to any political candidate. In the event his recollection is in error, his personal financial statement and tax returns should reflect these notes. He does recall charging off unpaid notes as bad debts on his income tax return. He emphasized all financial matters of which he is a part including personal loans are discussed with his personal counsel.

ROCKEFELLER advised on numerous occasions over the years he has made gifts to individuals and organizations which were reflected in his financial statements. He stated there was a possibility these gifts were confused with loans thereby creating the basis for the accusations.

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FISCAL POLICY - NEW YORK STATE

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ROCKEFELLER was informed many accusations have been leveled at him regarding the handling of his fiscal policies as Governor of New York State. Specifically, such items as the South Mall, Albany, New York; express thruways; and New York State income taxes were included.

ROCKEFELLER advised politics are deeply imbedded in this matter and many criticisms have come from the Democrats in the State Legislature because they disagreed with his proposed policies. He advised when he took office as Governor some 15 years ago, New York State was classified as having a "mature economy" which he considered decadent. His primary purpose as Governor was to rebuild New York in regard to its physical plant on a pay-as-you-go basis. He had a firm belief at that time that the people who use State facilities should be the one to pay for them and not all the taxpayers as a whole. In order to accomplish this, he used the "scheme" of establishing authorities for particular rehabilitation projects. He established a housing finance corporation to loan money to private sponsors on a nonprofit basis for low income housing. He also proposed housing bonds for low cost housing, but noted the housing bonds were defeated.

ROCKEFELLER advised he has never circumvented the New York State Constitution for the purpose of public building, and that all "authorities" established were approved by the State Legislature. Each one of the authorities established was given authority by the Legislature to raise its own funds secured by the revenues available to the authority.

As regards the "Albany Mall", the construction of these buildings was financed by a county authority under a lease purchase arrangement whereby the State would pay rent for the office space. He pointed out the ground on which the Mall now stands was a depressed slum area when the State bought this land. There was a commission established to relocate the residents of this area in better housing. The occupants of the homes in this area agreed to this plan and the Governor's office received virtually no criticism on this point.

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ROCKEFELLER advised he considers this method of construction, including public building, express thruways, and schools as a very valid approach which has proved extremely successful. He advised these authorities have been managed on a sound financial basis and he has not betrayed the people's trust. He pointed out there has been no default on any of the bonds issued on any of the construction items as mentioned. He advised from a political standpoint the State Legislature consisted of a Democratic Party majority that overwhelmingly approved these authorities as recommended by a Republican Governor.

ROCKEFELLER advised he is aware of the criticisms leveled at him regarding the high taxes of New York State, but pointed out New York State returns two thirds of every tax dollar it collects to support the cost of local government. He advised the principle areas where state spending increased were in education, health, and welfare. He stated the Federal Medicare Program and the federally mandated welfare benefits have caused tremendous increases in taxes to pay for these programs.

ROCKEFELLER advised he believes New York State has a sound fiscal policy and he stands behind his decisions without excuses. He pointed out many of these criticisms leveled against him are based on philosophical or political opinions, and are subject to individual interpretations.

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PERSONAL LIFE

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ROCKEFELLER advised he has no statement to make regarding the details of his divorce from his first wife and his subsequent remarriage. He advised the details are a matter of public record in the divorce proceedings filed with the court.

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POLITICAL FAVORITISM

CHARLES STOCKMEISTER

ROCKEFELLER advised STOCKMEISTER was formerly a Democratic Legislator in the New York State Assembly. He characterized him as a very brilliant, honest, highly capable individual. ROCKEFELLER stated he was searching for an individual to fill a position on the State Civil Service Commission, a vacancy which required a Democrat by State regulation. He selected STOCKMEISTER as the individual for this position based on STOCKMEISTER's qualifications and party affiliation.

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ROCKEFELLER advised there was a rumor circulating to the effect he appointed STOCKMEISTER as a political maneuver because STOCKMEISTER had bolted his party's leadership on a vote on a state sales tax increase. There was animosity on the part of many of the legislators on the Democratic side due to STOCKMEISTER's vote on this issue. ROCKEFELLER emphatically denied appointing STOCKMEISTER to this position on the State Civil Service Commission because of STOCKMEISTER's affirmative vote on the sales tax issue.

ROCKEFELLER advised over the years he frequently appointed legislators to executive positions because of their qualifications and administrative ability. These appointments have included Democrats and Republicans. He based the appointments on the individual's qualifications to hold a particular post. If there had been any question of the legality of any of these appointments, law suits could have been instituted objecting to the appointments. To his knowledge, there have never been any such law suits.



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It was alleged [redacted] who was formerly a New York State Assemblyman, was given this appointment to eliminate his, [redacted]

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POLITICAL PATRONAGE -
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ROCKEFELLER advised in 1973, he took an extremely strong stand against narcotics pushers and users in New York. He recommended legislation which required life imprisonment for major drug offenders. Part of the legislative program was authority to appoint approximately 100 new judges to handle these cases. In addition, this legislation provided for all the administrative offices connected with these judgeships including the prosecuting attorneys and the clerical staff required. There was stiff opposition to this narcotics law, but it was subsequently passed and signed by the Governor. From the time of the enactment of the law to the time he, ROCKEFELLER, resigned as Governor, he appointed approximately 12 to 15 new judges. He was unable to appoint additional judges due to lack of physical facilities. He pointed out several of the judges were appointed to the State Court of Claims because under state regulation, he, as Governor, had the authority to assign criminal cases to these courts. The other courts are restricted by law to handle only certain types of cases.

ROCKEFELLER advised the appointment of these judges was certainly not a matter of political patronage but based on the need to create courts to handle the drug violators under the new drug law. ROCKEFELLER noted that Governor WILSON, at the present time, is continuing to appoint new judges under this program.

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WELFARE POLICIES

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ROCKEFELLER advised he is fully aware of the many criticisms regarding his handling of the New York State Welfare Program. At the beginning of his administration as Governor, he was deeply concerned over the plight of the poor people in the State. He took a very compassionate view of this situation and desired to provide a welfare program so that the recipients could live with dignity under such a program. ROCKEFELLER pointed out New York City had the highest cost of living in the country and therefore, the welfare payments were extremely high in comparison with other parts of the country. ROCKEFELLER advised he went along with the general national policy of granting unrestricted welfare benefits so the recipients would be free to use the funds as needed. He noted the cost to the State for welfare increased from 400 million dollars to 4 billion dollars a year.

It was brought to his attention that there were many abuses of the Welfare Program. Also, many families were moving into the New York City area for the express purpose of going on welfare.

In order to combat these abuses, ROCKEFELLER established a Social Welfare Board, which is approved annually by the State Legislature. This Board requires the recipients of welfare payments to appear at the State Unemployment Office each month to receive benefits. Also, each year, each recipient must face a member of the Welfare Board for interview as to his personal needs for welfare. After this program was instituted, 23 percent of the New York City population which was on welfare failed to report to the Unemployment Office for welfare funds. Also, there was a reduction of nine percent based on the interview requirement. He advised he continues to have a deep concern for individuals unable to work who have a genuine need for financial aid. He believes that at the present time, New York State has a sound welfare program. He noted the Social Welfare Board presently in existence in New York State does not come under the direct responsibility of the Governor.

In connection with the Welfare Program, ROCKEFELLER attempted to stem the flow of indigent people to New York

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City by establishing a one-year residency law. The year's residency legislation recommended by ROCKEFELLER was passed by the State Legislature, signed by the Governor, but was subsequently declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

ROCKEFELLER advised it is rather ironic that at the outset of his administration, he was accused by many people of being too liberal as regards the Welfare Program and during the latter years of his administration, he was criticized for establishing a strict Welfare Program.

The nominee's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no arrest record was found.

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
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September 10, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 3, 1974, which furnished you the partial results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President Designate. Enclosed are three copies of the results of additional investigation concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which are also being furnished to General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House. One copy of the results is being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General.

Summarizing generally, we have interviewed eighty-eight additional persons, most of whom have furnished favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller. We have interviewed [REDACTED] who declined to make any comment. The sealed divorce records pertaining to Governor Rockefeller's first marriage have been reviewed in Reno, Nevada, and they contain no derogatory information.

It has been established that a resolution was introduced in the New York State Assembly in January, 1972, calling for the impeachment of Governor Rockefeller due to his actions with regard to the Attica Prison revolt in September, 1971. The resolution was never brought to the floor and no vote was taken concerning that matter. Several allegations have been made that Governor Rockefeller misused his executive powers as Governor to influence legislation by rewarding individual legislators through appointments or political patronage. Investigation did not substantiate these allegations.

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The Attorney General

In the late 1960s there was much criticism of the administration of an all-black hospital in Jamaica, New York, indicating it did not come up to the standards for Medicaid funds. It was alleged that members of Governor Rockefeller's staff saw to it that the hospital continued to be certified for Medicaid funds, even though it was substandard, due to the political influence [redacted]

[redacted] Investigation indicates that while the hospital continued to be certified for such funds although it was substandard, this was apparently done as it was felt the community would severely suffer from the closing of this hospital.

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The report of SA [redacted] dated August 26, 1974, at Dallas, Texas, a copy of which was furnished to you by referenced memorandum, contains information concerning [redacted] who has been critical of members of the Rockefeller family for their alleged actions in a merger in 1961 of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and the United Nuclear Corporation. [redacted] has now written Senator Howard W. Cannon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, demanding to testify during Governor Rockefeller's confirmation hearings. Included in the attached are copies of additional material with regard to [redacted] including copies of his recent correspondence as well as copies of some of his past correspondence. You are also being furnished the results of an interview with Governor Rockefeller on September 6, 1974, during which he indicated he has never heard of [redacted] or the two corporations mentioned by him. Governor Rockefeller advised he is having his staff check for any possible past dealings with [redacted]

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The aforementioned interview with Governor Rockefeller, as well as an interview with him on September 3, 1974, covers his comments regarding various other matters which have arisen during the investigation. These matters include such items as his stand on abortion, criticism of his official decisions as Governor, the Attica uprising, charges of political favoritism and misuse of patronage, and his policy on welfare.

A check of appropriate records pertaining to Governor Rockefeller's real estate holdings known to date has disclosed no information indicating any restrictive covenants pertaining to race, color, or creed.

The Attorney General

The foregoing should not be considered a complete summary of the results of investigation of Governor Rockefeller to date. It supplements the information in my memorandum dated September 3, 1974, and is set forth to give you a general idea of the results of our investigation. Investigation is continuing, the results of which will be furnished to you as quickly as possible.

For your information, it is contemplated the financial phase of this investigation will be completed on September 14, 1974, and the results will be furnished to you during the week of September 16, 1974.

Enclosures (3)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

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September 18, 1974

BY LIAISON

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Summarizing generally, we have interviewed eighty-eight additional persons, most of whom have furnished favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller. We have interviewed [REDACTED] who declined to make any comment. The sealed divorce records pertaining to Governor Rockefeller's first marriage have been reviewed in Reno, Nevada, and they contain no derogatory information.

It has been established that a resolution was introduced in the New York State Assembly in January, 1972, calling for the impeachment of Governor Rockefeller due to his actions with regard to the Attica Prison revolt in September, 1971. The resolution was never brought to the floor and no vote was taken concerning that matter. Several allegations have been made that Governor Rockefeller misused his executive powers as Governor to influence legislation by rewarding individual legislators through appointments or political patronage. Investigation did not substantiate these allegations.

See cover memorandum dated 9/10/74 Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

In the late 1960s there was much criticism of the administration of an all-black hospital in Jamaica, New York, indicating it did not come up to the standards for Medicaid funds. It was alleged that members of Governor Rockefeller's staff saw to it that the hospital continued to be certified for Medicaid funds, even though it was substandard, due to the political influence [REDACTED]

b7c Investigation indicates that while the hospital continued to be certified for such funds although it was substandard, this was apparently done as it was felt the community would severely suffer from the closing of this hospital.

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b7D The report of SA [REDACTED] dated August 26, 1974, at Dallas, Texas, a copy of which was furnished to you by referenced letter, contains information concerning [REDACTED] who has been critical of members of the Rockefeller family for their alleged actions in a merger in 1961 of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and the United Nuclear Corporation. [REDACTED] has now written Senator Howard W. Cannon, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, demanding to testify during Governor Rockefeller's confirmation hearings. Included in the attached are copies of additional material with regard to [REDACTED], including copies of his recent correspondence as well as copies of some of his past correspondence. You are also being furnished the results of an interview with Governor Rockefeller on September 6, 1974, during which he indicated he has never heard of [REDACTED] or the two corporations mentioned by him. Governor Rockefeller advised he is having his staff check for any possible past dealings with [REDACTED]

The aforementioned interview with Governor Rockefeller, as well as an interview with him on September 3, 1974, covers his comments regarding various other matters which have arisen during the investigation. These matters include such items as his stand on abortion, criticism of his official decisions as Governor, the Attica uprising, charges of political favoritism and misuse of patronage, and his policy on welfare.

A check of appropriate records pertaining to Governor Rockefeller's real estate holdings known to date has disclosed no information indicating any restrictive covenants pertaining to race, color, or creed.

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The foregoing should not be considered a complete summary of the results of investigation of Governor Rockefeller to date. It supplements the information in my letter dated September 3, 1974, and is set forth to give you a general idea of the results of our investigation. Investigation is continuing, the results of which will be furnished to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 9-10-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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Reference is made to my memoranda 9-5-74 and 9-9-74 advising Senator Howard W. Cannon, Chairman, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, had commenced his review of the results of our investigation of Rockefeller to date.

At 10 a.m., 9-10-74, Senator Cannon resumed his review of this material and completed the review at 3:30 p.m. He has now reviewed Parts 1 through 4 of our completed investigation. This review was accomplished in Senator Cannon's office in the presence of SA [REDACTED] and Mr. Edward S. Lazowska of the Lands Division of the Department. No other persons were present during this review and the material in its entirety was returned to the Department by Mr. Lazowska.

In response to a previous question from Senator Cannon, SA [REDACTED] advised him the financial aspect of this investigation is tentatively scheduled to be completed on 9-14-74 and will be made available to The White House and the Attorney General sometime during the week of 9-16-74. Senator Cannon was also advised an additional part (Part 5) of this investigation will be made available to The White House and the Attorney General within the next day or two and will substantially complete the background investigation of Rockefeller.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt (Attention: [REDACTED])
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WNC*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *etc*

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At 4:15 p.m. today John Duffner of the Deputy Attorney General's Office called SA [REDACTED] and advised that Assistant Attorney General W. V. Rakestraw had received a call from the Counsel of the House Committee on the Judiciary who requested to know when the Bureau would complete the investigation of Rockefeller. Mr. Duffner stated they would like to know when we would complete the background phase of the investigation and the financial phase.

After checking, SA [REDACTED] advised Duffner that we plan to complete the investigation by 9-14-74, and the results would be disseminated the following week of 9-16-74. Duffner commented that therefore it would be safe to state that after the 16th the Department would have the reports. [REDACTED] advised him that that was not necessarily true and that after the investigation was complete on 9-14-74 the results would have to be thoroughly checked and doublechecked and that we could only say that the results would be disseminated some time during the week of 9-16-74.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28,
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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO DATED SEPTEMBER 9,
1974.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1974, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION AT THE OFFICE OF

[REDACTED], RECEPTIONIST, AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MADE A REVIEW OF [REDACTED] APPOINTMENT
CALENDAR, PERSONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AND CORRESPONDENCE FILES
AND ADVISED THAT NO REFERENCE IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COULD BE LOCATED.

THEY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED
IN A STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN FOR RE-ELECTION AND IS ~~NOT SCHEDULED~~
TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D. C. UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE

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[REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AT NUMBER
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September 20, 1974

BY LIAISON

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The White House
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Summarizing generally, Governor Rockefeller has furnished a Statement of Net Worth indicating a net worth of [REDACTED] not including trusts with estimated assets of [REDACTED]. He claims no ownership equity in these trusts; however, in 1973 they provided him with approximately [REDACTED] million in income, which represented [REDACTED] of his income. His total assets are [REDACTED], 52.3% of which is in art, 20% in securities, 17.5% in real estate, and the remainder in miscellaneous items such as boats, cars, furnishings, etc.

Approximately 42.7% of the securities owned directly are in agricultural based businesses in Venezuela. Governor Rockefeller does not directly own the controlling interest in any domestic public corporation. He owns substantial, although not controlling, major interest in other firms in Venezuela as well as in private family-type domestic firms primarily utilized to serve his family.

With regard to the aforementioned trusts there are a total of [REDACTED]. The two main trusts received 44.7% and 21.4% of their income respectively from fuel securities owned in 1973.

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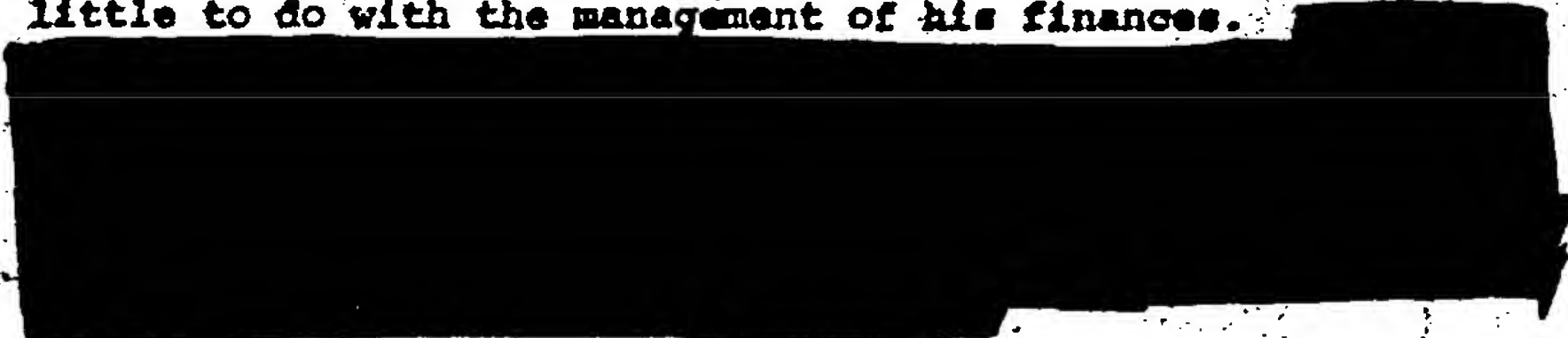
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With regard to the background investigation of Governor Rockefeller, inquiry indicates that on September 13, 1974, a class action was filed against Governor Rockefeller and other New York State officials claiming violation of Federal constitutional rights and seeking damages in the amount of \$100 million. The plaintiffs in this action were incarcerated in the Attica Prison during the uprising there in September, 1971. That action is presently pending.

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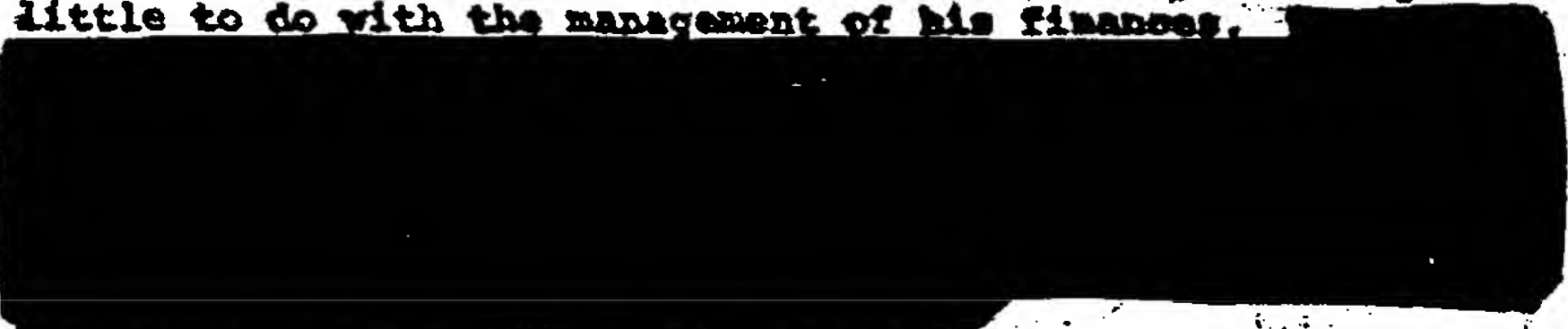
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)

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October 2, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

October 21, 1974

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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 [REDACTED]

Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 2, 1974, and prior memoranda which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

At the request of the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, additional inquiries in this matter have been conducted, consisting of interviews with certain individuals who were reportedly the recipients of loans or gifts made by Governor Rockefeller.

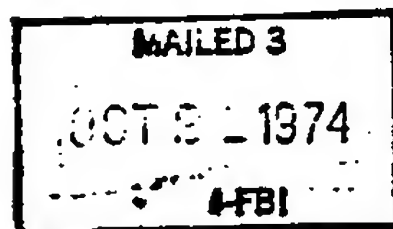
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1 - Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (3)



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See cover memorandum dated 10-18-74 re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

RETURN TO [REDACTED], ROOM 1258.

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1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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October 21, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Buchen:

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At the request of the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, additional inquiries in this matter have been conducted, consisting of interviews with certain individuals who were reportedly the recipients of loans or gifts made by Governor Rockefeller.

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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1 - Mr. McDermott
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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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October 22, 1974

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Buchan:

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At the request of the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning the circumstances of a gift in the amount of \$[REDACTED] he had received on [REDACTED] from Governor Rockefeller.

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Transmitted herewith is one copy of a report dated October 21, 1974, at Albany, New York, containing the results of the requested interview of [REDACTED]. Copies of this report are also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

The foregoing supplements the information in my previous letters and no further investigation is contemplated in the absence of a specific request.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley
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NOTE: See memo Coleman to Cleveland, 10/22/74, captioned Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Vice President-designate, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Callahan
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The Attorney General

November 8, 1974

Director, FBI

**NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY**

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At the request of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, has been interviewed. You were previously furnished information that [REDACTED] has been critical of members of the Rockefeller family for their alleged actions in connection with a merger of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and the United Nuclear Corporation.

Transmitted herewith are three copies of a report dated November 5, 1974, at Dallas, Texas, containing the results of the requested interview of [REDACTED]. One copy of this report is also being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General and The White House.

The foregoing supplements the information furnished with my previous memoranda, and no further investigation in this matter is contemplated unless requested.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

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NOTE: See cover memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 11-8-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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November 8, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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November 15, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 8, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

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[redacted] a reporter with [redacted], Albany, New York, has advised the Albany, New York, Office of the FBI he has received information from a source, whom he declined to identify, that this source does not consider Governor Rockefeller to be qualified for the position of Vice President because he had used "Watergate-type" tactics during the 1960's. He said this source claimed that when the New York State Legislature was dominated by members of the Democratic Party, a group of twenty-six persons was formed under the auspices of the New York State Police by Arthur Cornelius, now deceased, who was then Superintendent of the New York State Police. [redacted] stated this group, which included some New York State Police officers and other individuals without New York State Police backgrounds, was used to determine the actions and whereabouts of certain key legislators, according to this source.

[redacted] advised this source told him that at a meeting held by the Civil Service Employees Association, in Albany, New York, on October 21, 1963, two New York State Police officers stated they spent one-half of their time "spying" on legislators rather than on police work. He furnished the names of several individuals who, according to this source, were present at this meeting.

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[redacted] stated this source further advised him that at a press conference held on September 14, 1956, by the late Joseph Y. Resnick, then a United States Representative from New York, Representative Resnick recognized one individual who was present as being an undercover agent rather than a newspaperman. He said this individual abruptly left the room in which the press conference was being held when he was challenged by Representative Resnick, leaving his topcoat and the keys to his automobile, which was subsequently identified and traced back to the New York State Police. [redacted] said this source also advised him that Representative Resnick alleged that his telephone had been tapped. He stated, according to this source, Representative Resnick intended to bring this matter before the House Committee on the Judiciary; however, he died before he was able to present the information to that committee.

[redacted] advised he possesses nothing further concerning the aforementioned matters and has no information to indicate Governor Rockefeller was directly involved in these incidents. He stated the source of this information feels his position would be in jeopardy if his identity was made known. He advised, however, he will recontact the source of this information to determine if he is willing to report the information in his possession directly to the FBI. In the meantime, no investigation concerning the information reported by [redacted] is contemplated by this Bureau.

The foregoing is also being furnished to The White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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November 15, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Buchan:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 8, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

[REDACTED], a reporter with [REDACTED] Albany, New York, has advised the Albany, New York, Office of the FBI he has received information from a source, whom he declined to identify, that this source does not consider Governor Rockefeller to be qualified for the position of Vice President because he had used "Watergate-type" tactics during the 1960's. He said this source claimed that when the New York State Legislature was dominated by members of the Democratic Party, a group of twenty-six persons was formed under the auspices of the New York State Police by Arthur Cornelius, now deceased, who was then Superintendent of the New York State Police. [REDACTED] stated this group, which included some New York State Police officers and other individuals without New York State Police backgrounds, was used to determine the actions and whereabouts of certain key legislators, according to this source.

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Honorable Philip W. Buchan

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b7D [redacted] stated this source further advised him that at a press conference held on September 14, 1966, by the late Joseph Y. Resnick, then a United States Representative from New York, Representative Resnick recognized one individual who was present as being an undercover agent rather than a newspaperman. He said this individual abruptly left the room in which the press conference was being held when he was challenged by Representative Resnick, leaving his topcoat and the keys to his automobile, which was subsequently identified and traced back to the New York State Police. [redacted] said this source also advised him that Representative Resnick alleged that his telephone had been tapped. He stated, according to this source, Representative Resnick intended to bring this matter before the House Committee on the Judiciary; however, he died before he was able to present the information to that committee.

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The foregoing is also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

b7c- NOTE: Information received by Albany Office from [redacted] reporter, concerning Rockefeller is being furnished to White House and the Department pursuant to attached Albany teletype dated 11-13-74.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - [REDACTED]

The Attorney General

November 22, 1974

Director, FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 15, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

On the morning of November 21, 1974, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] of our Washington Field Division regarding a facet of this investigation concerning allegations set forth in my memorandum of November 15, 1974. [REDACTED] following his comments concerning those allegations, brought up the matter of the book concerning Justice Arthur Goldberg written by Victor Lasky.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that both he and the Governor are greatly concerned about allegations made in the press and before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration indicating the Governor lied to the FBI with regard to his knowledge of this book. [REDACTED] stated that during [REDACTED] interview with Governor Rockefeller on September 6, 1974 (when the Governor was questioned concerning his knowledge of the book and [REDACTED] was present), the Governor informed [REDACTED] that he recalled seeing the book prior to its publication. [REDACTED] advised that he also recalls this statement made by Governor Rockefeller. [REDACTED] questioned as to his knowledge of this alleged statement. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] he could not recall at this time the exact statements made during the interview, but would have to review his notes and his report to refresh his memory.

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The Attorney General

b7c [redacted] further advised [redacted] that the Governor is quite concerned about this matter due to accusations made by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., of New Jersey, to the effect that the Governor lied to the FBI. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] is contemplating a detailed article in the near future concerning this matter. [redacted] said it is felt that Senator Williams will attempt to further publicize this matter and Governor Rockefeller feels it should be resolved. [redacted] also said it may become necessary for [redacted] to contact Senator Williams to inform the Senator that Governor Rockefeller told him, [redacted] of having knowledge of the book prior to its publication. [redacted] made no commitment or statement concerning that possibility.

[redacted] further told [redacted] that neither Governor Rockefeller nor any member of his staff had ever seen the FBI report concerning Governor Rockefeller and, therefore, did not know exactly how the FBI reported the Governor's comments concerning the book.

[redacted] report dated September 7, 1974, a copy of which has been furnished to you, sets forth details of the September 6, 1974, interview with Governor Rockefeller. On page four appears Governor Rockefeller's comments concerning this book. The report states in part, "Rockefeller advised he has never read the publication 'Arthur J. Goldberg, The Old and the New' and did not know it existed. To his knowledge, he has never met Lasky." [redacted] notes made during the interview confirmed the information as reported.

In an article by Joseph Kraft entitled, "The Rockefeller Question" which appeared in "The Washington Post" on October 24, 1974, Mr. Kraft indicated he interviewed Governor Rockefeller concerning controversial items which had arisen concerning him. The article states Mr. Kraft interviewed Governor Rockefeller regarding the book and asked the Governor why he told one story first and then another. Mr. Kraft quoted Governor Rockefeller as follows: "When the FBI asked me about the book, I didn't remember it at all."

The Attorney General

When the press asked, I told Hughie (press secretary Hugh Morrow) to say that I didn't have anything to do with the book and I wouldn't have favored publication. In fact my memory was bad. I had known about the book and approved it as a favor to Jack Wells, I guess. Lasky was his client. But it was only a slip of the memory. It was 20 minutes I didn't remember in a career of 34 years in public life."

In an article which appeared in "The New York Times" of November 14, 1974, captioned, "Rockefeller Calls Book on Goldberg a Mistake; Denies Any 'Dirty Tricks,'" Governor Rockefeller's testimony before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration on November 13, 1974, is reported. The article states "Mr. Rockefeller blamed an 'extremely sketchy' memory for his failure to tell agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in early interviews, about his involvement with the book's financing and for his responses to press inquiries about the episode."

On the afternoon of November 21, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] and advised him of the facts in this matter. [redacted] did not question the facts as stated by [redacted] but advised his notes contain a statement made by the Governor to [redacted] which was, "I spoke to someone about the book before it came out, I never paid any attention to it (the book)." [redacted] advised [redacted] he did not recall this statement nor did it appear in [redacted] notes of the interview. [redacted] was informed concerning the aforementioned newspaper articles and he stated the Governor was misquoted. [redacted] further advised [redacted] that no matter what action he and the Governor take in this matter, the FBI will stand on the facts as originally reported.

The foregoing is also being furnished to The White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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November 22, 1974

BY LIAISON

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Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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NOTE: In accordance with memorandum from Coleman to Cleveland 11-21-74, copy attached.

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Honorable Philip W. Buchen

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On the afternoon of November 21, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] and advised him of the facts in this matter. [redacted] did not question the facts as stated by [redacted] but advised his notes contain a statement made by the Governor to [redacted] which was, "I spoke to someone about the book before it came out, I never paid any attention to it (the book)." [redacted] advised [redacted] he did not recall this statement nor did it appear in [redacted] notes of the interview. [redacted] was informed concerning the aforementioned newspaper articles and he stated the Governor was misquoted. [redacted] further advised [redacted] that no matter what action he and the Governor take in this matter, the FBI will stand on the facts as originally reported.

The foregoing is also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
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November 25, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Buchan:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 15, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

My letter of November 15, 1974, advised that [REDACTED] a reporter with [REDACTED] Albany, New York, had advised he had received information from a source, whom he declined to identify, that Governor Rockefeller had used "Watergate-type" tactics during the 1960's. His source claimed that a group of twenty-six persons was formed by the then Superintendent of the New York State Police to determine the actions and whereabouts of certain key legislators. It was also alleged that at a meeting of the Civil Service Employees Association in Albany, New York, in October, 1963, two New York State Police officers stated they spent one-half of their time "spying" on legislators rather than on police work. It was also alleged that in September, 1966, the late Joseph Y. Resnick, then a United States Representative from New York, recognized an individual attending one of his press conferences as being an undercover agent of the New York State Police rather than a newspaperman.

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Transmitted herewith is one copy each of eight reports containing the results of investigation conducted with regard to the foregoing allegations. Copies of these reports are also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

NOTE: See cover memorandum O.E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 11-25-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, dcm.

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Honorable Philip W. Buchen

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The investigation concerning these allegations has involved interviews with some twenty-four individuals, including [redacted]. Among these persons are present and former officials and officers of the New York State Police and members and former members of Governor Rockefeller's staff. [redacted] source was identified as one [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed and advised that he had no firsthand information regarding these allegations and that the information furnished by him was hearsay on his part. Also, investigation disclosed no information indicating any "Watergate-type" tactics on the part of Governor Rockefeller or the New York State Police.

No further investigation concerning this matter is contemplated in the absence of a request.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (8)

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - [REDACTED]

November 25, 1974

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NOTE: See cover memorandum O.E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 11-25-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, dcm.

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The Attorney General

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No further investigation concerning this matter is contemplated in the absence of a request.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (8)


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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
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December 4, 1974

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 25, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

Transmitted herewith are three copies each of two reports containing information furnished by 

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and  the U.S. Coalition for Life Educational Fund, Incorporated, Export, Pennsylvania. These individuals were interviewed pursuant to their request concerning their opposition to the confirmation of Governor Rockefeller as Vice President.

One copy of each of these reports is also being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General and The White House. This supplements the information furnished with my previous memoranda in this matter.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures

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NOTE: See cover memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 12-4-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, 

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December 4, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1-2-92 BY 9803 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Buchen:

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Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: See cover memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 12-4-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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December 11, 1974

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9803 [REDACTED]

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 4, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

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One copy of each of these reports and articles is also being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General and The White House. This supplements the information furnished with my previous memoranda in this matter.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (6)

NOTE: See cover memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 12-10-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Callahan
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December 11, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

CLARENCE M. KELLEY
Director
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NOTE: See cover memorandum O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland dated 12-10-74, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, [REDACTED]

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December 12, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 11, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

At the request of the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, additional inquiries in this matter have been conducted, consisting of interviews with two individuals concerning the operation of Interfaith Hospital of Queens, Jamaica, New York.

Transmitted herewith are three copies of a report containing the results of the interviews requested by the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary. One copy each of this report is also being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General and The White House.

This supplements the information furnished with my previous memoranda in this matter.

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The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

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December 12, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
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December 18, 1974

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 12, 1974, and prior correspondence which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate.

Pursuant to a request from the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Governor Rockefeller has been interviewed concerning his knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the issuance of a racing license in 1959 to the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Incorporated.

Transmitted herewith are three copies of a memorandum containing the results of the interview of Governor Rockefeller. One copy of this memorandum is also being furnished to the Deputy Attorney General and The White House.

This supplements the information furnished with my previous memoranda in this matter and no further investigation is being conducted in the absence of a specific request.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

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December 18, 1974

BY LIAISON

Honorable Philip W. Buchan
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Honorable Philip W. Buchen

NOTE: By letter to the Director dated 12-12-74, Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, advised the committee was in receipt of information pertaining to the alleged involvement of [REDACTED] in the issuance of a racing license in 1959 to the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Incorporated. [REDACTED]

Chairman Rodino requested investigation be conducted to determine what role, if any, Governor Rockefeller played in this matter and suggested five individuals be interviewed. The matter was referred to the Department and in the late afternoon of 12-17-74 the Department advised investigation regarding this request should be limited to an interview of Governor Rockefeller.

December 18, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and Vice President-designate, was interviewed in New York, New York, on December 17, 1974, concerning his knowledge regarding the issuance of a racing license in 1959 to the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Incorporated.

Governor Rockefeller advised he knows nothing whatever concerning the alleged involvement of [REDACTED] in the issuance of the aforementioned license. He stated he has no knowledge of [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] and said he can cast no light on this matter. Governor Rockefeller stated that during his tenure as Governor of New York he never had anything to do with the licensing of any racetrack in New York State.

Governor Rockefeller added that during his [REDACTED] year association with [REDACTED] they have discussed every conceivable subject and he has found [REDACTED] to be a man of excellent character who is dedicated to public service.

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